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June 23, 2015

Via Hand Delivery

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 14-58

2015 ETC Annual Report of Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.

- Armour

Study Area Code 391640

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. - Armour ("Company"), JSI files the attached confidential and redacted versions of the FCC Form 481 ETC annual reporting information pursuant to sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission's rules. Company seeks confidential treatment under Protective Order for section 54.313(f)(2) financial information. The redacted version is also being filed this date via the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System. In addition, attached is a letter requesting confidential treatment under Sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the initial section 54.202(a) of its Progress Report on its Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan and of outage reporting as required by Section 54.313(a)(1).

Please direct any questions regarding the filing to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

John Kuykendall
JSI Vice President

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ikuykendall@jsitel.com

cc: Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division (two copies, confidential)

¹ 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.422.

² Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Protective Order, DA 15-712 rel. June 17, 2015 (Protective Order). 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(f)(2).

³ 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.457, 0.459, 54.313(a)(1).



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Study Area Code 391640 Request for Confidentiality

Dear Ms. Dortch:

John Staurulakis, Inc. ("JSI"), on behalf of its client Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. - Armour (the "Company") hereby requests, pursuant to Sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission's rules, withholding from public inspection certain information contained in attachments to the above referenced reporting requirement. The Company provides the following in support of its request, numbered consistent with the subparagraphs of Section 0.459(b).²

- 1. The information for which the Company is seeking confidential treatment are attachments to the Company's annual reporting information pursuant to Sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission's rules ("Report").³
- 2. Pursuant to Section 54.313(a)(1), Rate-of-Return Eligible Telecommunications Carriers ("ETCs") must file with the Commission a Progress Report on its Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan ("Progress Report")⁴ and must also report outages, both of which are contained in attachments to the 2015 Report.
- 3. The information contained in attachments for which the Company seeks the withholding from public inspection is the entirety of data pertaining to the Company's Five-Year Plan provided at FCC Form 481 Line 112 attachment. The Company also seeks withholding from public inspection data pertaining to the Company's outages provided at FCC Form 481 Line 200 attachment, Service

¹ 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.457, 0.459.

² 47 C.F.R. § 0.459(b)(1) through (9).

³ 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.422.

⁴ 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313(a)(1).

Outage Reporting. Information of this nature is confidential commercial information routinely withheld from public inspection.

4. With respect to identifying the degree to which the Five-Year Plan concerns a service that is subject to competition, the Line 112 attachment contains information of a financial and competitive nature regarding the provision of telecommunications services. The Line 112 attachment includes competitively sensitive information related to proposed improvements or upgrades and maintenance the Company's network.

In its March 5, 2013 Order, the FCC. The FCC specified that for rate-of-return carriers, the five-year plans "should describe the carrier's network improvement plan, which should provide greater visibility into current plans to extend broadband service to unserved locations in rate-of-return service territories." Accordingly, because the Company is a rate-of-return carrier, it must file a five-year service improvement plan which contains proprietary, competitively sensitive information related to the Company's existing network including the specific locations of customers as well as describe proposed improvements or upgrades and maintenance of its network throughout its service area. Specifically, this information sets forth services provided by the Company over its existing network including specific locations of customers as well as planned network improvement and maintenance for the years 2015 through 2019 including project start and completion dates, population that will be impacted by the improvements and upgrades at the wire center level and projected capital costs associated with the improvements and upgrades and operating costs associated with maintaining the network including depreciation for investments that have already been made. As such, this information contains competitively sensitive information related to the Company's existing network as well as detailed plans at the wire center level for network upgrades and maintenance projected for the years 2015 through 2019.

With respect to identifying the degree to which the outage data contained in the Line 200 attachment concerns a service that is subject to competition, the information pertains to the network and operations of a telecommunications company that has competitors that could benefit if they were able to have access to this information.

5. With respect to identifying possible exposure to competitive harm, the information contained in the subject attachments is information that is not customarily released to the public. The Five-Year Plan information is proprietary to the Company, is unique to the Company's serving territory and is only known to the Company and its authorized agents. If the Information is not protected, it would have economic value to potential competitors who would be able to target their marketing to specific customers. In a competitive telecommunications marketplace, this type of information is highly sensitive. If publicly disclosed, it would enable competitors to craft business plans that capitalize on their knowledge of the locations of the Company's customers which would place the Company at a competitive disadvantage.

⁵ See Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket 10-90 et al., Order, DA 13-332 (rel. Mar. 5, 2013) ("March 5, 2013 Order") at para 9 citing Section 54.202(a) (1) (ii).

- 6. With respect to steps the Company has taken to ensure against unauthorized disclosure of the information contained in the attachments, the Company is filing the Five-Year Plan and outage attachments under seal. The Company uses the information contained in the Five-Year Plan to ensure that its customers continue to receive state-of-the-art high quality telecommunications and broadband services that the Company has been providing to them for many years as well as to satisfy mandatory reporting requirements and does not share the information for which protection is sought. The Company protects the secrecy of this information with a security protocol that ensures the information is not inadvertently disclosed or disseminated. Only directors, managers and employees with a direct need to know are authorized to access the information.
- 7. Any previous versions of this information are not publicly available.
- 8. Because the information is not routinely available, a need exists for maintaining the confidentiality of this information permanently.
- 9. The Commission has previously concluded that there is a presumptive likelihood of substantial competitive harm from disclosure of outage information. The Commission also determined the disclosure of outage reporting information to the public could present an unacceptable risk of more effective terrorist activity and could therefore result in potential harm to the public and the national defense.

Based on the preceding, JSI respectfully requests on behalf of the Company that the Commission grant confidential treatment under Section 0.459 to Company's Five-Year Plan provided at FCC Form 481 Line 112 attachment, and to the Company's outage data provided at FCC Form 481 Line 200 attachment.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

John Kuykendall JSI Vice President

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⁶ See In the Matter of New Part 4 of the Commission's Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications, ET Docket No. 04-35, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 04-188, rel. Aug. 19, 2004, para. 45.

FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting

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rovement Reporting OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013	391640	ARMOUR INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE CO.	2016	erson USAC should contact regarding this data	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> 6052792161 ext.	dress - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> jillreinert@goldenwest.com	y received its ETC certification from the FCC? (yes / no) $igotimes$	If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing $\S 54.202(a)$ "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service. Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.	Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.	Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targetsYesReport how much universal service (USF) support was receivedYesHow much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacityYesHow much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacityYes
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- Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Jill Reinert
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	jillreinert@goldenwest.com
<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves	Yankton Sioux Reservation
391640sd920.pdf C920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation)20.pdf
	Name of Attached Document
If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to Yes of \$54.313(a)(9) includes:	Select Yes or No or

Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;

Feasibility and sustainability planning;

<922> <923>

community anchor institutions.

<921>

Compliance with Rights of way processes

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Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements

Compliance with Environmental Review processes

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Compliance with Facilities Siting rules

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Not Applicable

(1100) N	(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting	FCC Form 481
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	jillreinert@goldenwest.com
<1120>	Please confirm whether terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g) (Yes, No).	
<1130>	Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).	SQL

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		Name of Attached Document
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"Please c or the we § 54.422	"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must	
annually report:	report:	
<1221>	Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,	
<1222>	Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,	
<1223>	Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.	

(2000) P	(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation	FCC Form 481	
Data Col	Data Collection Form	OMB Control No. 3060-	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
Including	Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers	July 2013	
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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

	Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information				information es, and in the	Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information
Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting 2nd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)ii} 3rd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)ii}	Attachment {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)ii}	Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification {47 CFR § 54.312(a)} 2013 Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(1)} 2014 Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(2)} 2015 Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(3)} 2015 Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)}	Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)} Certification Support Used to Build Broadband	Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)} 3rd year Broadband Service Certification 5th year Broadband Service Certification Interim Progress Certification	Please check the box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.	Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions
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(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation	FCC Form 481
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	July 2013

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CHECK	CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuan CFR § 54.313(f)[2]. I further certify that th	compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth i CFR § 54.313(f)[2]. I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.
(3010)	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan	391640sd3010.pdf
	Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
(3011)	Please check this box § 54.313 (f)(1)(ii), the providing access to b	 to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3012 contains the required information pursuant to carrier shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began roadband service in the preceding calendar year.
		391640sd3012.pdf
(3012)	Community Anchor Institutions $\{47\ CFR\ \S\ 54.313(f)(1)(ii)\}$	
(3013)	ls your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)} If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information (Yes/No) (Yes/No) (Yes/No)
Please	check these boxes to	confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:
(3015)	Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers) Document(e) for Boltone Short Income Statement and Statement of Coch Elevies	
(2010)		391640sd3017.pdf
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	
		Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, Is your company audited?	(Yes/No)
(3019)	If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.3.13(f)(2), contains Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications	mat comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications
(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	sh Flows
(3021)	Management letter and audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit	olic accountant that performed the company's financial audit
	If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to \S 54.313(f)(2), contains:	
(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications	
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(3024)	public accountant Underlying information subjected to an officer certification. Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of <u>Cash Flows</u>	ih Flows
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	
		Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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Financial Data Summary

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(3028) Operating Expenses

(3029) Net Income

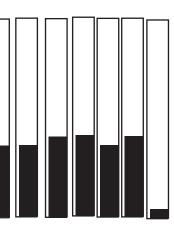
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(3031) Total Assets

(3032) Total Debt

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(3034) Dividends



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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients

I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.

Name of Reporting Carrier: ARMOUR INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE CO.

Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE Date 06/18/2015

Printed name of Authorized Officer: Dennis Law

Title or position of Authorized Officer: CEO/General Manager

Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 6052792161 ext.

Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 391640 Filling Due Date for this form: 07/01/2015

Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to A	horize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier
I certify that (Name of Agent) also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports a	is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. In presponsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized I data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.
Name of Authorized Agent:	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date:
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent	Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipi	ients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier
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Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:		Date:
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Attachments

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ATTACHMENT - LINE 112

Five-Year Network Improvement Plan and Progress Report

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Certification of Service Quality Standards & Consumer

Protection Rules Compliance for Voice and Broadband Services

Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (hereinafter "the Company") hereby certifies that it is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules.

This document details the processes and procedures that the Company follows to ensure compliance with service quality standards and consumer protection rules as laid out in FCC Form 481 Instructions.

The Company provides voice grade access to the public switched telephone network (PSTN) at a flat rate, thereby enabling access to emergency services provided by local government or other public safety organizations such as 911.

For service quality standards that are affected by plant issues, the Company engineers and installs its plant and other facilities in such a way as to ensure, to the greatest extent possible, safe, adequate, and continuous service at all times.

In addition, employees are periodically trained on service quality standards and consumer protection issues. In particular, if any set of issues appear to be prevalent, employees are given briefings on how to handle such issues, beyond the normal guidelines in place for resolution of customer complaints. A recent example is the call completion problems that have arisen and the customer calls that are generated as a result. Although this is not a service quality problem caused by the Company, it does affect customers of the Company and, therefore, deserves the attention of the Company employees.

The Company also periodically reviews its operating procedures to be sure that those operating procedures are in compliance with service quality standards and that the operating procedures are not in violation of consumer protection rules. Internally a compliance officer ensures annual employee training and dictates disciplinary processes for improper use of consumer information. If concerns arise that cannot be handled by the compliance officer, legal counsel is sought to assist with a resolution.

If complaints are filed with the Company related to service quality standards or consumer protection rules, the complaint is immediately investigated, the matter tracked and any corrective action noted. This process ensures that problems are addressed and corrections made.

The Company advertises the availability of its services and the charges using media of general distribution and on its website.

The Company is subject to consumer protection obligations for broadband services under federal law. These obligations include, but are not limited to, the following: public disclosure of accurate information regarding network management practices, performance, and commercial terms of broadband internet access services; as a means of providing sufficient information for consumers to make informed choices regarding use of such services, and for content, application, service and device providers to develop, market, and maintain internet offerings as specified in F.C.C 47 C.F.R. Part 8 §8.3.

The Company maintains six business offices throughout its service area providing customers with access to a customer service representative either in person or via a local telephone number or toll-free telephone number during normal business hours. Customers also have access to the repair service and internet help desk twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week by calling a toll-free number, or by calling one of the business office numbers, which forward to these services after hours.



Certification of Functionality in Emergency Situation

Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (hereinafter "The Company") hereby certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in §54.202(a)(2). The Company's critical network infrastructure is designed to remain functional in emergency situations without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations as required by Section 54.202(a)(2). The Company can take reasonable steps to reroute traffic around damaged facilities and manage traffic spikes throughout its network, as emergency situations require.

Specifically, each central office building is supplied with standby generators and battery back-up that enable the central office to keep running until power is restored so long as fuel is available and the facility can be safely accessed, or until reasonable system changes are made to reroute traffic.

The capacity of the Company to function in emergency situations encompasses both voice and broadband.

Section 54.202(a)(2) requires ETCs that are designated by the Commission to "demonstrate its ability to remain functional in emergency situations, including a demonstration that it has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations."



Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.

Description of Tribal Engagement

Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (hereinafter "the Company"), study area 391640, provides services to a small area on the Yankton Sioux Reservation. On October 15, 2014, by letter sent via certified mail to the Tribal Chairman, the Company requested a joint meeting with the Yankton Sioux Tribe to exchange information and discuss issues related to the deployment and provisioning of communications services on Tribal lands. The Company did not receive a response to the first letter; therefore, a follow up letter was sent via certified mail to the Tribal Chairman on December 3, 2014. No response was received from the follow up letter. The Company received the signed certified receipts back for both letters confirming delivery to the Chairman's office.

In accordance with provisions in the FCC's USF and ICC Transformation Order, paragraphs 636 and 637, and 47 CFR 54.313(a)(9), Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. will again attempt to organize a joint meeting with the Yankton Sioux Tribe in 2015. If successful the Company, with Tribal input, will continue to evaluate the need for future service deployments on Tribal lands while working to overcome challenges associated with right-of-way and permitting processes. The feasibility and sustainability of communications services on Tribal lands will be discussed and the Company will, with assistance from the Tribal authorities, attempt to identify additional steps that can be taken to make essential communications services deployed on Tribal lands both feasible and sustainable. The Company and Tribal authorities will also discuss and explore ways in which they can coordinate to ensure that services are marketed on tribal lands in a manner that will relate to the community and resonate with consumers, with the aim of increasing service adoption.



Lifeline Terms and Conditions

Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. offers Lifeline program-supported service to qualified low-income residential consumers for one telephone line per eligible household. The Lifeline program provides discounts to eligible low-income consumers to help them establish and maintain telephone service. Lifeline assistance lowers the cost of basic, monthly local telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive \$9.25 per month in discounts. In addition, the Federal Universal Service Charge is not assessed to consumers participating in Lifeline. Toll Blocking prevents the placement of all long distance calls for which a subscriber would be charged. Toll blocking is available to eligible consumers at no cost.

Lifeline Program Eligibility Information

Program Based Eligibility

Consumers are eligible for Lifeline if they, one of their dependents or their household participate in one of the following qualifying assistance programs:

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Medicaid National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Lifeline applicants must present documentation demonstrating eligibility either through participation in one of the qualifying federal assistance programs or through income-based means.

Acceptable documentation of program-based eligibility includes: current or prior year's statement of benefits from a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program; notice letter of participation in a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program; program participation documents; or another official document evidencing the consumer's participation in a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program.

Income Based Eligibility

In addition, consumers are eligible for Lifeline if their household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines.

2015 Federal Poverty Guidelines - 135%

Household Size	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$15,889	\$19,872	\$18,292
2	\$21,505	\$26,892	\$24,745
3	\$27,121	\$33,912	\$31,198
4	\$32,737	\$40,932	\$37,651
5	\$38,353	\$47,952	\$44,104
6	\$43,969	\$54,972	\$50,557
7	\$49,585	\$61,992	\$57,010
8	\$55,201	\$69,012	\$63,463
For each additional person, add	\$5,616	\$7,020	\$6,453

Acceptable documentation of income eligibility includes: prior year's state, federal or Tribal tax return; current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub; social security statement of benefits; Veterans Administration statement of benefits; retirement/pension statement of benefits; unemployment/workmen's compensation statement of benefits; federal or Tribal notice of letter participating in General Assistance; or a divorce decree or child support award or other official document containing income information.

Tribal Eligibility

A subscriber who lives on Tribal lands and is an eligible resident of Tribal lands is eligible for Tribal Lifeline service or Tribal Link Up if the subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependents, or the subscriber's household participates in any of the above-listed qualifying assistance programs or one of the following Tribal-specific federal assistance programs: Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance; Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; Head Start (if income eligibility criteria are met); or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). Tribal subscribers may also qualify if the household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Subscribers eligible for Tribal Lifeline may receive their basic monthly telephone service at no charge.

Numbers of Minutes-of-Use Provided as Part of Lifeline Program Service

Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.'s Voice Lifeline service includes unlimited local minutes-of-use within the toll-free calling area. Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.'s Voice Lifeline Plan does not include any free minutes-of-use for toll. Toll is billed at the standard toll rate depending on which interexchange carrier the consumer subscribes to for toll service. As part of the Lifeline service, toll blocking is available to eligible consumers at no cost.

Rates

Subscribers may receive the Lifeline credit on any type or grade of local service, including bundled services that are normally offered by Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. Advertised rates do not include any applicable taxes or surcharges.

Recertification of Lifeline Eligibility

Lifeline recipients are required to recertify their eligibility annually. Failure to properly recertify a recipient's continued eligibility for the Lifeline program will result in termination of the Lifeline recipient's monthly Lifeline discount and de-enrollment from the Lifeline Program.

Additional Lifeline Program Information

The Lifeline program is limited to one benefit per household, consisting of either wireline or wireless service. A household is defined, for purposes of the Lifeline program, as an individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline is a government benefit program, and consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain the benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program.

Golden West Telecommunications - Armour (SAC 391640)

Response to Line 3010 – Milestone Certification (47 CFR §54.313(f)(1)(i))

Golden West Telecommunications – Armour, study area 391640, hereby certifies that throughout 2014, it took reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, and currently, it is taking reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream broadband service at with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas as determined in an annual survey, and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time.

Golden West Telecommunications – Armour (Study Area 391640) Response to Line 3012 - List of Community Anchor Institutions to Which the ETC Newly Began Providing Service

The FCC's *USF/ICC Transformation Order* requires a listing of community anchor institutions to which the ETC newly began providing broadband service. Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., study area 391640, did not newly begin providing community anchor institutions with access to broadband service in calendar year 2014.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0572-0031. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 4 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

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3. Affiliates:			27. Advance Billings and Payments		
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b. Other Accounts Receivable			29. Current Mat. L/T Debt		
c. Notes Receivable			30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.	_	
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b. Other Accounts Receivable			33. Other Taxes Accrued		
c. Notes Receivable			34. Other Current Liabilities		
5. Interest and Dividends Receivable			35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)		
6. Material-Regulated			LONG-TERM DEBT		
7. Material-Nonregulated			36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes		
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a. Rural Development			42. Reacquired Debt		
b. Nonrural Development			43. Obligations Under Capital Lease	—	
12. Other Investments			44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies		
a. Rural Development			45. Other Long-Term Debt		
b. Nonrural Development			46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)	—	
13. Nonregulated Investments			OTHER LIAB. & DEF. CREDITS		
14. Other Noncurrent Assets			47. Other Long-Term Liabilities	—	
15. Deferred Charges			48. Other Deferred Credits		
16. Jurisdictional Differences17. Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)			49. Other Jurisdictional Differences		
PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT			50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49) EQUITY		
18. Telecom, Plant-in-Service			51. Cap. Stock Outstand. & Subscribed		
19. Property Held for Future Use			52. Additional Paid-in-Capital		
20. Plant Under Construction			53. Treasury Stock		
21. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill			54. Membership and Cap. Certificates		
22. Less Accumulated Depreciation			55. Other Capital		
23. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)			56. Patronage Capital Credits		
24. TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)			57. Retained Earnings or Margins		
. ,			58. Total Equity (51 thru 57)		
			59. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)		

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PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS

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	ITEM		PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR
1. Loc	al Network Services Revenues	Ц		
	work Access Services Revenues	Ш		_
	g Distance Network Services Revenues	Ш		_
	rier Billing and Collection Revenues	Ш		
5. Misc	cellaneous Revenues	Ш		
	ollectible Revenues	Ш		
	Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)	Ш		
8. Plar	nt Specific Operations Expense	Ш		_
	nt Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)	Ш		
10. Dep	reciation Expense	Ш		
11. Am	ortization Expense	Ш		
12. Cus	tomer Operations Expense	Ш		
13. Cor	porate Operations Expense	Ш		
14. Tota	al Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)	Ш		_
15. Ope	erating Income or Margins (7 less 14)	Ш		
16. Oth	er Operating Income and Expenses	Ш		
17. Stat	e and Local Taxes			
18. Fed	eral Income Taxes			
19. Oth	er Taxes	Ш		
20. Tota	al Operating Taxes (17+18+19)	Ш		
21. Net	Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)	Ш		
22. Inte	rest on Funded Debt			
23. Inte	rest Expense - Capital Leases			
24. Oth	er Interest Expense			
25. Allo	wance for Funds Used During Construction			
26. Tota	al Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)			
27. Non	operating Net Income			
28. Extr	aordinary Items			
29. Juri	sdictional Differences			
30. Non	regulated Net Income			
31. Tota	al Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)			
32. Tota	al Taxes Based on Income			
33. Reta	ained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year			
34. Misc	cellaneous Credits Year-to-Date			
35. Divi	dends Declared (Common)			
36. Divi	dends Declared (Preferred)			
37. Oth	er Debits Year-to-Date			
38. Trai	nsfers to Patronage Capital			
39. Ret	ained Earnings or Margins End-of-Period [(31+33+34) - (35+36+37+38)]			
40. Patı	onage Capital Beginning-of-Year			
41. Trai	nsfers to Patronage Capital			
42. Patı	onage Capital Credits Retired			
43. Pati	ronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)			
44. Ann	ual Debt Service Payments			
45. Cas	h Ratio [(14+20-10-11) / 7]			
46. Ope	erating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26) / 7]			
47. TIE	R [(31+26) / 26]			
48. DS0	CR [(31+26+10+11) / 44]			
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MobileWireless
Route Mileage Outside Exchange Area
Total
No. Exchanges

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		PART D. SYSTE	M DATA				
1. No. Plant Employees	3. Square Miles Served		4. Access Lines per Squar	5. Subscribers per Route Mile			
		PART E. TOLL	DATA				
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	PART F.	FUNDS INVESTED IN	PLANT DURING YE	AR			
1. RUS, RTB, & FFB Loan Fu	inds Expended						
2. Other Long-Term Loan Fur	·						
3. Funds Expended Under RU	JS Interim Approval						
Other Short-Term Loan Fur	nds Expended						
5. General Funds Expended ((Other than Interim)						
Salvaged Materials							
7. Contribution in Aid to Cons	truction						
8. Gross Additions to Telecom	n. Plant (1 thru 7)						
	PART G.	INVESTMENTS IN AFI	FILIATED COMPAN	IES		·	
		CUDDENT	YEAR DATA		CUMULATIVE D	ΑΤΑ	
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	INVESTMENTS	Investment	Income/Loss	Investment	Income/Loss	Current	
	HAY ESTIMENTS	This Year	This Year	To Date	To Date	Balance	
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4. Investment in Assistant Co.	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	
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 investment in Affiliated Con 	mpanies - Nonrural Development						

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PART H. CURRENT DEPRECIATION RATES

Are corporation's depreciation rates approved by the regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the provision of telephone services? (Check one)

YES		NO
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Land and support assets - Motor Vehicles Land and support assets - Aircraft Land and support assets - Special purpose vehicles Land and support assets - Garage and other work equipment	
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Land and support assets - Garage and other work equipment	
Land and support assets - Buildings	
Land and support assets - Furniture and Office equipment	
Land and support assets - General purpose computers	
Central Office Switching - Digital	
Central Office Switching - Analog & Electro-mechanical	
Central Office Switching - Operator Systems	
Central Office Transmission - Radio Systems	
2. Central Office Transmission - Circuit equipment	
3. Information origination/termination - Station apparatus	
4. Information origination/termination - Customer premises wiring	
5. Information origination/termination - Large private branch exchanges	
Information origination/termination - Public telephone terminal equipment	
7. Information origination/termination - Other terminal equipment	
3. Cable and wire facilities - Poles	
9. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Metal	
D. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Fiber	
Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Metal	
2. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Fiber	
Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Metal	
Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Fiber	
5. Cable and wire facilities - Conduit systems	
6. Cable and wire facilities - Other	

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	PART I – STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS		
1.	Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)		
	CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
2.	Net Income		
	Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		
3.	Add: Depreciation		
4.	Add: Amortization		
5.	Other (Explain)		
	Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities		
6.	Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable		
7.	Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory		
8.	Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges		
9.	Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets		
10.	Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable		
11.	Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments		
12.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities		
13.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations		
	CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
14.	Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable		
15.	Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable		
16.	Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits		
17.	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)		
18.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits		
19.	Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital		
20.	Less: Payment of Dividends		
21.	Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired		
22.	Other (Explain)		
23.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities		
	CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
24.	Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)		
25.	Other Long-Term Investments		
26.	Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences		
27.	Other (Explain)		
28.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities		
29.	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash		
30.	Ending Cash	1	

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